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The reply filed Jan. 29,2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action mailed July 25, 2001 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's reply received Jan. 29, 2002 does not fully address the office action mailed July 25, 2001 . Specifically, Applicant has not submitted a Terminal Disclaimer addressing the double patenting rejection at paragraph 9 of the office action mailed July 25, 2001. The Terminal Disclaimer should be submitted so that it may be reviewed and considered along with Applicant's amendments and remarks contained therein. The reply by the applicant or patent owner must be reduced to a writing which distinctly and specifically points out the supposed errors in the examiner 's action and must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action. If the reply is with respect to an application, a request may be made that objections or requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated. See 37 CFR 1.111. Because the double patenting rejection is not an "objection" or a "requirements as to form not necessary to further consideration of the claims", it is respectfully requested that Applicant submit the necessary Terminal Disclaimer. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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